

Leland Township Board Special Meeting

May 21, 2024, 10:00 AM

Leland Township Office, 489 W. Main St., Lake Leelanau 49653

PRESENT: Supervisor Susan Och, Clerk Lisa Brookfield, Trustee Clint Mitchell, Treasurer Shirley Garthe, Trustee Mariann Kirch

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: 10

CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Och called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Mr. Mitchell moved to approve agenda; supported by Ms. Garthe. Motion carried (5,0)

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – Ian Dawkins: Regarding the DNR Park on River St. commented on article in the Enterprise, use of public resource for community, thoughts on actions for future use; encourages township to have long-term lease and crowd source funding for docks.

Skip Telgard: The docks at Carp River Park are important for safe and efficient launch use, for boat loading and unloading.

Tyler Merz: Parking at the DNR launch on River St is limited, causes clogging of ramp, the dock allowed for clearance of trailers, less congestion, and safer use of ramp.

Bill Borre: Surprised by the removal of the docks. Why isn't the DNR allocating funds to Leland Township. Who is responsible for requesting funding and why isn't this happening?

Geno Miller: Agrees with previous comments. The little dock along the ramp isn't suitable to tie up to. It requires two people. The community appreciates this resource of additional docking and would like to see it restored.

Kathy Dawkins: The dock at Carp River Park came up at the last board meeting. She was surprised by the board's reaction. Ms. Dawkins has been asking for community input and is concerned with the board's handling of this park.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve contract for July 3, 2024 fireworks display; sponsored by Leland Chamber of Commerce:
The Leland Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring this event. Mark Morton attended to answer questions.

ACTION: Ms. Brookfield moved to approve the contract with Wolverine Fireworks for July 3, 2024 display; supported by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried. (5,0)

2024 Contract with DNR for Carp River Park, Leland

There are two options: sign agreement for maintenance 2024, allowing placement of picnic tables and trash bins in exchange for mowing or turn over maintenance to the DNR and remove facilities. The board acknowledges that this is a well-used park for picnics and boat launching.

ACTION: Mr. Mitchell moved to enter into an agreement for 2024 with the DNR to maintain the grounds at Carp River Park; supported by Ms. Brookfield. Motion carried. (5,0)

BOARD COMMENT: Mr. Mitchell commented on the recent correspondence to the board from Heidi Weckwert regarding Reynolds Street road ending concerns. This needs to be addressed. The board should make a determination on how to proceed.

Ms. Och met with Zorran Vandzandt. The fire department is interested in separating the medical insurance coverage to add HSA option and coverage for domestic partnership. Mr. Mitchell commented that this should be handled as part of the CBA with the union.

Ms. Brookfield relayed that the Harbor Commission would like the contract with the NPS for dockage and parking to be renegotiated. The revenue is inadequate. They are requesting legal review.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Ms. Garthe moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 am.; supported by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried. (5,0)

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Brookfield, Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____

Susan Och, Leland Township Supervisor

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